

COMMONS

1. For convenience, the individual Commons each offers several Masses with all the elements, namely antiphons and prayers, included.

It is permitted for the Priest, as appropriate, to exchange antiphons and prayers of the same Common, choosing those texts which seem more suitable for pastoral reasons.

In addition, for Masses of Memorials, the Prayers over the Offerings and the Prayers after Communion may also be taken from the weekdays of the current liturgical time as well as from these Commons.

2. In the Common of Martyrs and in the Common of Holy Men and Women, all the prayers that are given for men may also be used for women, with the necessary change of gender.

3. In the individual Commons, texts in the singular may always be used for several Saints, with the necessary change to the plural. Similarly, texts in the plural may be used for an individual, with the necessary change to the singular.

4. Masses that are designated for specific times or circumstances should only be used for these.

COMMON OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

The formularies both of the Mass for the Dedication of a Church and of the Mass for the Dedication of an Altar are to be found among the Ritual Masses (pp. 0000-0000).

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION

I. In the Church that was Dedicated

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 67:36

Awesome is God in his holy place. He is God, the God of Israel. He himself gives strength and power to his people. Blest be God! (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who year by year renew for us the day
when this your holy temple was consecrated,
hear the prayers of your people
and grant that in this place
for you there may always be pure worship
and for us, fullness of redemption.
Through our Lord.

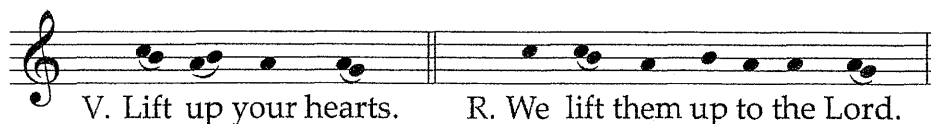
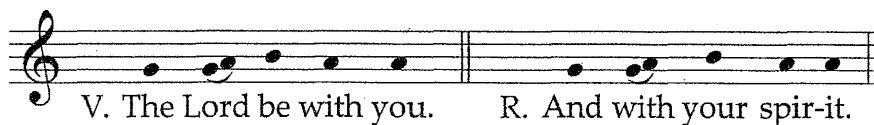
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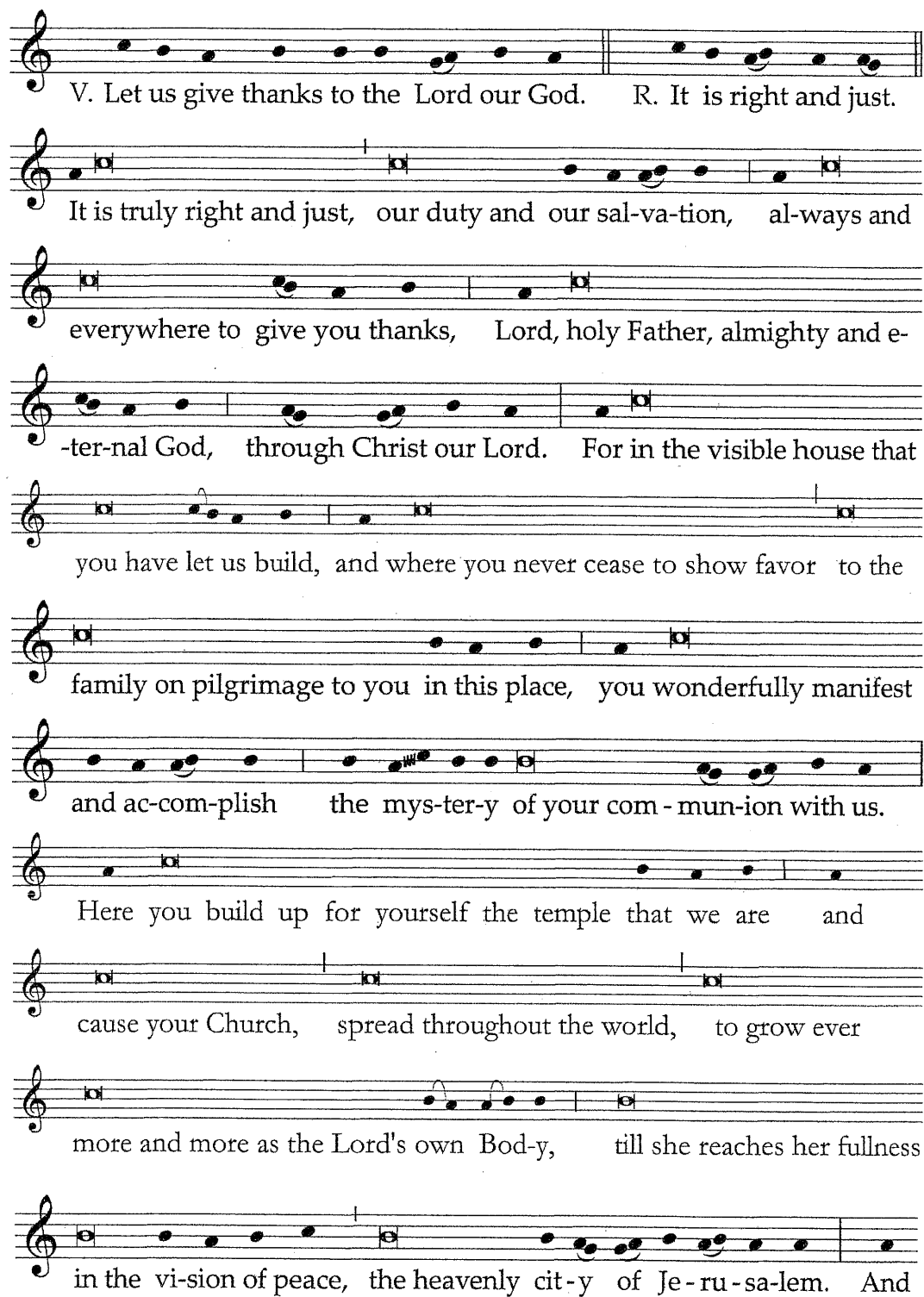
Prayer over the Offerings

Recalling the day when you were pleased
to fill your house with glory and holiness, O Lord,
we pray that you may make of us
a sacrificial offering always acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Temple of God, which is the Church.

Solemn tone





V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-

-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For in the visible house that

you have let us build, and where you never cease to show favor to the

family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully manifest

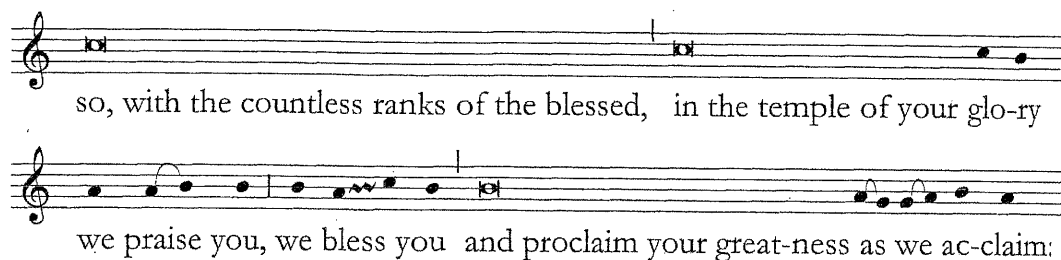
and ac-com-plish the mys-ter-y of your com-mun-ion with us.

Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and

cause your Church, spread throughout the world, to grow ever

more and more as the Lord's own Bod-y, till she reaches her fullness

in the vi-sion of peace, the heavenly cit-y of Je-ru-sa-lem. And



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For in this visible house that you have let us build
and where you never cease to show favor
to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place,
you wonderfully manifest and accomplish
the mystery of your communion with us.

Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are
and cause your Church, spread throughout the world,
to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Body,
till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace,
the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

And so, with the countless ranks of the blessed,
in the temple of your glory we praise you,
we bless you and proclaim your greatness as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 3:16-17

You are the Temple of God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God, which you are, is holy (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the people consecrated to you, O Lord, we pray,
receive the fruits and joy of your blessing,
that the festive homage
they have offered you today in the body,
may redound upon them as a spiritual gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

Blessing at the End of Mass

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has gathered you today
in memory of the dedication of this church,
make you abound in heavenly blessings.
R/. Amen.

And may he who has willed that all his scattered children
be gathered together in his Son,
grant that you may become his temple
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.
R/. Amen.

Thus, may you be made thoroughly clean,
so that God may dwell within you
and you may possess with all the Saints
the inheritance of eternal happiness.
R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.
R/. Amen.

II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 21:2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Rev. 21:3

Behold God's dwelling with the human race.
He will dwell with them
and they will be his people,
and God himself with them will be their God (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
increase in your Church the grace you have bestowed,
so that by unceasing growth
your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who were pleased to call your Church the Bride,
grant that the people that serves your name
may revere you, love you and follow you,
and may be led by you
to attain your promises in heaven.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord,
the gift that is offered here,
and grant that by it those who seek your favor
may receive in this place
the strength of the Sacraments
and an answer to their prayers.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Church, the Bride of Christ and Temple of the Spirit.

V. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in your benevolence you are pleased
to dwell in this house of prayer
in order to perfect us as the temple of the Holy Spirit,
supported by the perpetual help of your grace
and resplendent with the glory of a life acceptable to you.

Year by year you sanctify the Church, the Bride of Christ,
foreshadowed in visible buildings,
so that, rejoicing as the mother of countless children,
she may be given her place in your heavenly glory.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Pet 2:5

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Mt 21:13; Lk 11:10

My house shall be a house of prayer, says the Lord:
in that house, everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem
through the sign of your Church on earth,
grant, we pray, that by our partaking of this Sacrament
we may be made the temple of your grace
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

These Masses are also used for celebrating the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, and in Votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In all the prayers, where the word "commemoration" is found, "memorial" may also be used, as appropriate.

I. In Ordinary Time

These formularies may be used in accordance with the norms, even in Lent, should a celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary occur that is duly inscribed in a proper calendar.

1

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth forever.

Collect

Grant, Lord God, that we, your servants,
may rejoice in unfailing health of mind and body
and through the glorious intercession
of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
may we be set free from present sorrow
and come to enjoy eternal happiness.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through the intercession of Blessed Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
no petition may go unanswered,
no request be made in vain.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

May the humanity of your Only Begotten Son,
come, O Lord, to our aid,
and may he, who at his birth from the Blessed Virgin
did not diminish but consecrated her integrity,
by taking from us now our wicked deeds,
make our oblation acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 11:27

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,
which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive this heavenly Sacrament,
we beseech, O Lord, your mercy,
that we who rejoice in commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary
may, by imitating her,
serve worthily the mystery of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who bore the Creator of all things.
You became the Mother of your Maker, and you remain for ever Virgin.

Collect

Grant us, O merciful God,
protection in our weakness,
that we who keep the Memorial of the holy Mother of God
may, with the help of her intercession,
rise up from our iniquities.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we honor the memory of the Mother of your Son,
we pray, O Lord, that the oblation of this sacrifice
may by your grace make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:49

He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

Prayer after Communion

Having been made partakers of eternal redemption,
we pray, O Lord, that we who commemorate the Mother of your Son
may glory in the fullness of your grace
and experience its continued increase for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

3

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jdt 13:18, 19

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High,
above all women on the earth;
for he has so exalted your name,
that your praise shall be undying on our lips.

Collect

As we venerate the glorious memory
of the most holy Virgin Mary,
grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession,
that we, too, may merit to receive
of the fullness of your grace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you the sacrifice of praise, O Lord,
as we rejoice in commemorating the Mother of your Son;
grant, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we may advance towards eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 1:48

All generations will call me blessed,
for God has regarded his lowly handmaid.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed with this heavenly food,
we humbly implore you, Lord,
that we who, under sacramental signs,
have received your Son,
born of the tender Virgin,
may profess him in words
and hold fast to him in deeds.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

4

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 44:13, 15, 16

All the richest of the people long to see your face:
behind her, her maiden companions are escorted to the King:
her attendants are escorted to you amid gladness and joy.

Collect

Pardon the faults of your servants, we pray, O Lord,
that we who cannot please you by our own deeds,
may be saved through the intercession
of the Mother of your Son and our Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we bring you
and grant that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit
and encouraged by the example
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our hearts may always seek out and treasure
the things that are yours.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Praise the Lord our God,
for in Mary his handmaid
he has fulfilled his promise of mercy
to the house of Israel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation and of faith,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that we who devoutly honor the Blessed Virgin Mary
may be worthy to share with her
in the charity of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

5

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 1:28, 42

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you:
blest are you among women,
and blest is the fruit of your womb.

Collect

O God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary,
foremost among the poor and humble,
to be the Mother of the Savior,
grant, we pray, that, following her example,
we may offer you the homage of sincere faith
and place in you all our hope of salvation.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people,
and grant that we who celebrate
your Son's work of boundless charity
may, through the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 86:3; Lk 1:49

Of you are told glorious things, O Virgin Mary,
for he who is mighty has done great things for you.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to your Church, O Lord,
that, strengthened by the power of this Sacrament,
she may eagerly walk in the pathways of the Gospel,
until she reaches the blessed vision of peace,
which the Virgin Mary, your lowly handmaiden,
already enjoys eternally in glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

6

Entrance Antiphon

The rod of Jesse has blossomed;
the Virgin has brought forth
one who is both God and man.
God has restored peace,
reconciling in himself the depths and the heights.

Collect

May the venerable intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin
come to our aid, we pray, O Lord,
and free us from every danger
so that we may rejoice in your peace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, O Lord,
these offerings of conciliation and praise,
humbly asking that,
following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may bring our very selves
as a holy sacrifice pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 44:3

Graciousness is poured out upon your lips,
for God has blessed you forevermore.

Prayer after Communion

Having nourished us with heavenly food, O Lord,
grant that according to the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may serve you in purity of life
and magnify you, with her, in wholehearted praise.
Through Christ our Lord.

7

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 1:47-48

Mary said: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
because the Lord has regarded his lowly handmaid.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to choose Blessed Mary
as the virginal chamber where your Word would dwell,
grant, we pray, that under her protection,
we may participate joyfully in her commemoration.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offerings your people make
in commemoration of Blessed Mary
be acceptable to you, O Lord,
for by her virginity she pleased you
and in humility conceived your Son, our Lord.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 2:19

Mary treasured all these words,
reflecting on them in her heart.

Prayer after Communion

Having been made partakers of this spiritual food,
we pray, O Lord our God,
that, steadily imitating the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may always be found intent on service of the Church
and may know the joys of doing your will.
Through Christ our Lord.

8

Entrance Antiphon

Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise,
for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God,
through whom we have been saved and redeemed.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your faithful,
who rejoice under the patronage of the most holy Virgin Mary,
may be freed by her motherly intercession
from all evils on earth
and merit the attainment of eternal joys in heaven.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, upon the prayers and offerings of your faithful,
presented in commemoration
of Blessed Mary, the Mother of God,
that they may be pleasing to you
and may confer on us your help and forgiveness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 1:48

The Lord has regarded his lowly handmaid;
behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the Sacrament of salvation,
we humbly beseech you, Lord,
that we who have honored in veneration
the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
may merit to experience in perpetuity
the fruits of your redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

II. In Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Or:

Cf. Lk 1:30-32

The angel said to Mary: You have found favor with God.
Behold, you will conceive and bear a son,
and he will be called Son of the Most High.

Collect

O God, who willed that at the message of an Angel
your Word should take flesh
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
grant that we who pray to you
and believe her to be truly the Mother of God
may be helped by her interceding before you.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to become the Mother of the Savior,
grant that we may follow her example,
for her humility was pleasing to you
and her obedience profitable to us.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, these offerings,
and by your power change them
into the Sacrament of salvation,
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,
is offered the true Lamb,
Jesus Christ your Son,
born of the ever-Virgin Mary
in a way beyond all telling.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 000, or II, p. 000. Preface II of Advent, p. 000, may also be used.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 7:14

Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and shall bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received,
O Lord our God,
always show forth your mercy in us,
that we who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son
may be saved by his Incarnation.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

III. In Christmas Time

Entrance Antiphon

In childbirth she brought forth the King, whose name is eternal.
She keeps a mother's joy with a virgin's honor.
None like her was seen before, and none thereafter.

Or:

O Virgin Mother of God,
he whom the whole world cannot contain,
cloistered himself within your womb, made man for us.

Collect

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you.

Or:

O God, who willed that your Word, begotten from all eternity, should come forth from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, through her intercession, that he may light up our darkness with the splendor of his presence, and from his fullness give us joy and peace. Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the blessed days which you made sacred by the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, born into time as the offspring of the Virgin Mary, we pray, O Lord, that this oblation may sanctify us, and may grant us new birth in him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 11:27

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,
which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the Body and Blood of your incarnate Word, we pray, O Lord, that these divine mysteries, which we have joyfully received as we commemorate the Blessed Virgin Mary, may make us sharers for eternity in the divinity of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

IV. In Easter Time

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 29:12

You have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord,
and have girded me with joy, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who have been pleased to gladden the world
by the Resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant, we pray,
that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may receive the joys of everlasting life.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, holy Father, this offering of our humility,
which we bring you with joy
as we commemorate the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and grant, we pray, that it may be for us,
who are joined to the sacrifice of Christ,
our consolation on earth and our eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Rejoice, O Virgin Mother,
for Christ has risen from the tomb, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this paschal Sacrament,
we pray, O Lord,
that we who honor the memory
of the Mother of your Son
may show forth in our mortal flesh the life of Jesus.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

During Easter Time, the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles,
may also be used, pp. 0000-0000.

COMMON OF MARTYRS

I. Outside Easter Time

A. For Several Martyrs

1

Entrance Antiphon

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven,
the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ,
and since for love of him they shed their blood,
they now exult with Christ for ever.

Or:

Holy men shed their glorious blood for the Lord;
they loved Christ in their life,
they imitated him in their death,
and therefore were crowned in triumph.

Collect

Grant a joyful outcome to our prayers, O Lord,
so that we, who each year devoutly honor the day of the passion
of the holy Martyrs N. and N.,
may also imitate the constancy of their faith.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, holy Father, the offerings we bring
in commemoration of the holy Martyrs,
and grant that we, your servants,
may be found steadfast
in confessing your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 22:28-30

It is you who have stood by me in my trials;
and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord,
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

Or:

See how rich is the Saints' reward from God;
they died for Christ and will live for ever.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who in your holy Martyrs
have wonderfully made known the mystery of the Cross,
graciously grant
that, drawing strength from this sacrifice,
we may cling faithfully to Christ
and labor in the Church for the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:20-21

Many are the trials of the just,
but from them all the LORD will rescue them.
The Lord will keep guard over all their bones;
not one of their bones shall be broken.

Or:

Cf. Rev 7:14; Dan 3:95

These are they who come out of the great ordeal
and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.
For God's sake they handed their bodies over for punishment,
and they have earned unfading crowns.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who gave Saints N. and N.
the grace of suffering for Christ,
come, in your divine mercy, we pray,
to the help of our own weakness,
that as your Saints did not hesitate to die for your sake,
we may live bravely in confessing you.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice soon to be consecrated
be acceptable to you, O Lord, we pray,
in commemoration of this precious martyrdom,
so that it may cleanse our sins
and commend to you the prayers of your servants.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:13

Greater love has no one
than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

Or:

Lk 12:4

I say to you, my friends:
Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that being nourished by the Bread of heaven
and made one Body in Christ,
we may never be separated from his love
and, after the example of your holy Martyrs N. and N.,
may bravely overcome all things
for the sake of him who loved us.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

3

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 36:39

From the LORD comes the salvation of the just;
he is their stronghold in time of distress.

Or:

Cf. Wis 3:6-7, 9

As gold in the furnace the Lord put his chosen to the test;
as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself;
and grace and peace will be with the elect of God.

Collect

May the sight of the great number
of your holy Martyrs gladden us, O Lord,
making our faith stronger
and bringing us consolation by the prayers of them all.
Through our Lord.

Or:

May the prayer of the blessed Martyrs N. and N.,
being pleasing to you, O Lord,
commend us, we pray,
and confirm us in the profession of your truth.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord, the offerings of your people,
dedicated in honor of the passion of your holy Martyrs,
and may the gifts that gave blessed N. and N.
courage under persecution
make us, too, steadfast in all trials.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mk 8:35

Whoever loses their life for my sake
and for the sake of the Gospel will save it, says the Lord.

Or:

Cf. Wis 3:4

Even if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality.

Prayer after Communion

Preserve in us your gift, O Lord,
and may what we have received at your hands
for the feast day of the blessed Martyrs N. and N.,
bring us salvation and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

4

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:18

When the just cried out, the LORD heard them,
and rescued them in all their distress.

Or:

Because of the Lord's covenant and the ancestral laws
the Saints of God persevered in loving brotherhood,
for there was always one spirit in them, and one faith.

Collect

O God, who gladden us each year
with the feast day of blessed N. and N.,
grant in your mercy,
that we who honor their heavenly birthday
may also imitate their courage in suffering.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who bestowed on Saints N. and N.
the grace of coming to such surpassing glory,
grant to your servants, we pray,
through your Martyrs' merits,
pardon for their sins and freedom from every trial.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We bring you sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
to commemorate blessed N. and N.,
humbly entreating
that, as you gave them the bright light of holy faith,
so you may grant us pardon and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

2 Cor 4:11

For the sake of Jesus we are given up to death,
that the life of Jesus also may be revealed in our mortal flesh.

Or:

Mt 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Through this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord,
grant us manifold grace
on the celebration of the blessed Martyrs N. and N.,
that from so great a struggle
we may learn to be united in unwavering patience
and to exult in the victory they won for love of you.
Through Christ our Lord.

5

Entrance Antiphon

The blood of the holy Martyrs
was poured out for Christ upon the earth;
therefore they have gained everlasting rewards.

Or:

Cf. Wis 3:1-2, 3

The souls of the just are in the hand of God
and no torment shall touch them.
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
But they are in peace.

Collect

Grant us in your compassion, O Lord, we pray,
an increase of that faith
which brought glory to your holy Martyrs N. and N.
as they maintained it even to the shedding of their blood,
and may the same faith bring to us who truly follow it
justification in your sight.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, we pray, O Lord,
upon these sacrificial gifts offered here
that, celebrating your Son's Passion in mystery,
we may, by following the example of blessed N. and N.,
devotedly experience its effects.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

May this sacrifice, O Lord,
which we bring for the triumph of blessed N. and N.,
constantly kindle in our hearts the fire of your love
and prepare them for the rewards
you have promised to those who persevere.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rom 8:38-39

Neither death nor life nor any created thing
will be able to separate us from the love of Christ.

Or:

Mt 10:30, 31

The hairs on your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Prayer after Communion

Having been fed, O Lord,

on the commemoration of your blessed Martyrs N. and N.,

with the precious Body and Blood

of your Only Begotten Son,

we humbly pray:

grant that by steadfast charity we may abide in you,

draw life from you, and to you be drawn.

Through Christ our Lord.

B. For One Martyr

1

Entrance Antiphon

This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God

and did not fear the words of the godless,

for he was built on solid rock.

Or:

Cf. Wis 10:12

The Lord granted him a stern struggle,

that he might know that devotion to God is mightier than all else.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,

who brought your Martyr blessed N.

to overcome the torments of his (her) passion,

grant that we, who celebrate the day of his (her) triumph,

may remain invincible under your protection

against the snares of the enemy.

Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify our offerings by your blessing,

O Lord, we pray,

and by your grace may we be set afire

with that flame of your love,

through which Saint N.

overcame every bodily torment.

Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

May the offerings we bring
in commemoration of your blessed Martyr N.
be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord,
so that they may be pleasing to your majesty
just as the shedding of this Martyr's blood
was precious in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 16:24

Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

Or:

Mt 10:39

Whoever loses his life for my sake,
will find it in eternity, say the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the sacred mysteries of which we have partaken,
O Lord, we pray,
give us that determination
which rendered your blessed Martyr N.
faithful in your service
and victorious in suffering.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

This truly is a Martyr
who shed his (her) blood for the Name of Christ,
who did not fear the threats of judges
but attained the heavenly kingdom.

Or:

Cf. Phil 3:8, 10

He (She) counted all as loss in order to know Christ
and to have a share in his sufferings,
conforming himself (herself) to his death.

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
by whose gift blessed N. fought
for righteousness' sake even until death,
grant, we pray, through his (her) intercession,
that we may bear every adversity for the sake of your love
and hasten with all our strength
towards you who alone are life.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Most merciful God,
pour out your blessing upon these offerings
and confirm us in the faith
that blessed N. professed
by the shedding of his (her) blood.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

We offer you sacrificial gifts, O Lord,
to commemorate your blessed Martyr N.,
whom no temptation could separate
from the unity of the Body of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord;
whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears much fruit.

Or:

Jn 8:12

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Made new by these sacred mysteries, we pray, O Lord,
that, imitating the wondrous constancy of blessed N.,
we may merit an eternal reward
for suffering endured.
Through Christ our Lord.

II. During Easter Time

A. For Several Martyrs

1

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25:34

Come, you blessed of my Father;
receive the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Or:

Cf. Rev 7:13-14

These who are clothed in white robes
are they who survived the time of great distress
and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, alleluia.

Collect

By the power of the Holy Spirit
make us, we pray, Almighty God,
docile in believing the faith
and courageous in confessing it,
just as you granted the blessed Martyrs N. and N.
that they might lay down their lives
for the sake of your word and in witness to Jesus.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Or:

O God, from whom faith draws perseverance and weakness strength,
grant, through the example and prayers of the Martyrs N. and N.,
that we may share in the Passion and Resurrection
of your Only Begotten Son, so that with the Martyrs
we may attain perfect joy in your presence.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

In honor of the precious death of your just ones, O Lord,
we come to offer that sacrifice
from which all martyrdom draws its origin.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rev 2:7

To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life
which is in the paradise of God, alleluia.

Or:

Cf. Ps 32:1

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting for the upright, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate by this divine banquet
the heavenly victory of the blessed Martyrs N. and N.,
we beseech you, Lord, to give victory
to those who eat here below of the Bread of life
and as victors allow them to eat
from the tree of life in paradise.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 12:11

These are the Saints who were victorious
because of the blood of the Lamb,
and in the face of death refused to cling to life;
therefore they reign with Christ for ever, alleluia.

Or:

Cf. Mt 25:34

Rejoice, you Saints, in the presence of the Lamb;
a kingdom has been prepared for you
from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Collect

May the glorious feast day of your blessed Martyrs N. and N.
gladden us, we pray, O Lord,
for as they boldly confessed the Passion and Resurrection
of your Only Begotten Son,
you led them to shed their costly blood
in a glorious death.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with such serenity and kindness,
we pray, O Lord,
upon these present offerings,
that they may be filled with the blessing of the Holy Spirit
and may stir up in our hearts that powerful love
through which the holy Martyrs N. and N.
overcame every bodily torment.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tim 2:11-12

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him;
if we persevere, we shall also reign with him, alleluia.

Or:

Cf. Mt 5:12

Rejoice and be glad
for your reward is great in heaven, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the sustenance of the one Bread, O Lord,
on the commemoration of the blessed Martyrs N. and N.,
we humbly pray,
that you may confirm us ever in your charity,
and make us walk in newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

B. For One Martyr

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 4 Esdr 2:35

Perpetual light will shine on your Saints, O Lord,
and life without end for ever, alleluia.

Or:

This is the one who was not deserted by God on the day of struggle
and now wears a crown of victory
for faithfulness to the Lord's commands, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give light to your Church
by adorning blessed N. with the victory of martyrdom,
grant graciously
that, as he (she) imitated the Lord's Passion,
so may we, by following in his (her) footsteps,
be worthy to attain eternal joys.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord,
the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
which we offer to your majesty
in commemoration of the blessed Martyr N.,
that it may lead us to obtain pardon
and confirm us in perpetual thanksgiving.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 12:24

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit, alleluia.

Or:

Ps 115:15

How precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his Holy Ones, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have received your heavenly gifts,
rejoicing at this feast day, O Lord;
grant, we pray, that we who in this divine banquet
proclaim the Death of your Son,
may merit to be partakers with the holy Martyrs
in his Resurrection and his glory.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

III. For Missionary Martyrs

A. For Several Missionary Martyrs

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Gal 6:14; 1 Cor 1:18

Far be it from us to boast,
except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
For the word of the Cross
is the power of God
to us who have been saved (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

We humbly beseech the mercy of your majesty,
almighty and merciful God,
that as you have poured
the knowledge of your Only Begotten Son
into the hearts of the peoples
by the preaching of the blessed Martyrs N. and N.,
so, through their intercession,
we may be made steadfast in the faith.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we venerate the passion of your Martyrs N. and N.,
grant that through this sacrifice, O Lord,
we may proclaim worthily the Death of your Only Begotten Son,
who, not content with encouraging the Martyrs by word,
strengthened them likewise by example.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:10

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Mt 10:32

Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon heavenly delights,
we humbly ask you, Lord,
that, by the example of blessed N. and N.,
we may bear in our hearts
the marks of your Son's charity and suffering
and ever enjoy the fruit of perpetual peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

B. For One Missionary Martyr

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Phil 2:30

This Saint came close to death
handing over his life to destruction
for the work of Christ (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may follow with due devotion
the faith of blessed N.,
who, for spreading the faith,
merited the crown of martyrdom.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we commemorate the martyrdom of blessed N., O Lord,
we make our offerings at your altar,
praying that we who celebrate the mysteries of our Lord's Passion
may imitate what we now do.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mk 8:35

Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for the sake of the gospel
will save it, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate the heavenly banquet,
we beseech you, Lord,
that in following such a great example of faith,
we may be encouraged
by the remembrance of the blessed Martyr N.,
and led on by his (her) gracious intercession.
Through Christ our Lord.

IV. For a Virgin Martyr

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us,
powerful in virginity, modesty her offering,
a sacrifice on the altar of chastity (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Blessed is the virgin who by denying herself and taking up her cross
imitated the Lord, the spouse of virgins
and prince of martyrs (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who gladden us today
with the annual commemoration of blessed N.,
grant graciously,
that we may be helped by her merits
just as our lives are lit up
by the splendor of her example of chastity and fortitude.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offerings we bring
in celebration of blessed N.
win your gracious acceptance,
O Lord, we pray,
just as the struggle of her suffering and passion
was pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Rev 7:17

The Lamb who is at the center of the throne
will lead them to the springs of the waters of life (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestowed on blessed N.
a crown among the Saints
for her twofold triumph of virginity and martyrdom,
grant, we pray, through the power of this Sacrament,
that bravely overcoming every evil,
we may attain the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

V. For a Holy Woman Martyr

Entrance Antiphon

For the kingdom of heaven belongs to these women
who despised life in the world,
and have reached the rewards of the kingdom
and washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, by whose gift
strength is made perfect in weakness,
grant to all who honor the glory of blessed N.,
that she, who drew from you the strength to triumph,
may likewise always obtain from you
the grace of victory for us.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we joyfully offer, O Lord, this day's sacrifice,
recalling the heaven-sent victory of blessed N.,
we proclaim by it your mighty deeds
and rejoice at having gained her glorious intercession.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Rev 12:11-12

They did not cling to their lives even in the face of death,
therefore rejoice, you heavens,
and you who dwell in them (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

As we draw everlasting joys, O Lord,
from our participation in this Sacrament
and from the commemoration of blessed N.,
we humbly implore,
that by your gift we may truly understand
what you grant us to enact diligent service.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF PASTORS

I. For a Pope or for a Bishop

1

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord chose him for himself as high priest,
and opening his treasure house,
made him rich in all good things (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Sir 50:1; 44:16, 22

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God;
therefore, in accordance with his promise,
the Lord gave him growth for the good of his people (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

For a Pope:

Almighty ever-living God,
who chose blessed N. to preside over your whole people
and benefit them by word and example,
keep safe, we pray, by his intercession,
the shepherds of your Church
along with the flocks entrusted to their care,
and direct them in the way of eternal salvation.
Through our Lord.

For a Bishop:

O God, who in blessed N.
were pleased to provide for your Church
the example of a good shepherd,
mercifully grant that, through his intercession,
we may merit an eternal place in your pastures.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept this sacrifice from your people, we pray, O Lord,
so as to make what is offered for your glory
in honor of blessed N.
a means to our eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 10:11

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacraments we have received, O Lord our God,
stir up in us that fire of charity
with which blessed N. burned ardently
as he gave himself unceasingly for your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 45:30

The Lord established for him a covenant of peace,
and made him the prince,
that he might have the dignity of the priesthood forever. (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

For a Pope:

O God, who gave blessed N.
to be shepherd of the whole Church
and made him resplendent with wondrous virtue and teaching,
grant that we, who venerate the merits of such a Bishop,
may shine with good deeds before others
and burn with love before you.
Through our Lord.

For a Pope:

O God, who made blessed N. the Vicar of Peter
and committed to him the care of the universal Church,
by his intercession, keep your beloved flock ever safe,
so that with integrity of faith and perfect charity
your Church may journey to her heavenly homeland.
Through our Lord.

For a Bishop:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may venerate fittingly the memory of the Bishop blessed N.,
and, as you willed that his word and example
should benefit those over whom he presided,
so may we always experience
the support of his intercession before you.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant our supplication, we pray, O Lord,
that on the feast day of blessed N.
this oblation may be for our good,
since through its offering
you have loosed the offenses of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 21:17

Lord, you know everything:
you know that I love you (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the power of the gifts we have received, Lord God,
on this feast day of blessed N.
fill us with its effects,
both to sustain our mortal life
and to gain us the joy of unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

II. For a Bishop

1

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ez 34:11, 23-24

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,
and I shall appoint a shepherd to pasture them,
and I, the Lord, will be their God (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Lk 12:42

This is the steward, faithful and prudent,
whom the Lord put in charge of his servants
to distribute their allowance at the proper time (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who chose blessed N.
to preside as Bishop over your holy people,
we pray that, by his merits,
you may bestow on us
the grace of your loving kindness.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Almighty and eternal God,
who gave your holy Church blessed N. as Bishop,
grant that what he taught
when moved by the divine Spirit
may always stay firm in our hearts;
and as by your gift we embrace him as our patron,
may we also have him as our defender
to entreat your mercy.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, O Lord, we pray,
on the offerings we set upon this sacred altar
on the feast day of blessed N.,
that, bestowing on us your pardon,
our oblations may give honor to your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:16

I was not you who chose me, says the Lord,
but I who chose you and appointed you,
to go and bear fruit, fruit that will remain (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Lk 12:36-37

Blessed is that servant,
whom his lord finds awake
when he comes and knocks at the gate (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the sacred mysteries,
we humbly pray, O Lord,
that, following the example of blessed N.,
we may strive to profess what he believed
and to practice what he taught.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Sam 2:35

I shall raise up for myself a faithful priest
who will act in accord with my heart and my mind,
says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Lk 12:42

This is the steward, faithful and prudent,
whom the Lord put in charge of his servants
to distribute their allowance at the proper time (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who wonderfully numbered
among your holy shepherds blessed N.,
a man aflame with divine charity
and outstanding for that faith that overcomes the world,
grant, we pray, that through his intercession
we, too, persevering in faith and charity,
may merit to be sharers of his glory.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Lord God, who graciously imbued
blessed N. with heavenly doctrine,
grant, through his intercession,
that we may keep that same teaching faithfully
and express it in what we do.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, these offerings of your people,
on the feast day of blessed N.,
so that through them, according to our confident hope,
we may experience the help of your loving kindness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 10:10

I come that they might have life,
and have it more abundantly, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Mk 16:17-18

These are the signs that will follow those who believe in me, says the Lord:
they will cast out demons.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the sacred Body
and the precious Blood of your Son,
we pray, O Lord our God,
that what we celebrate with loving devotion,
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

III. For Pastors

A. For Several Pastors

Entrance Antiphon

Jer 3:15

I will appoint over you shepherds after my own heart,
who will shepherd you wisely and prudently (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Dan 3:84, 87

Priests of God, bless the Lord;
praise the Lord, all who are holy and humble of heart (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who to pasture your people
filled (the Bishops) blessed N. and N.
with a spirit of truth and of love,
grant that, as we celebrate their feast day with honor,
we may benefit by imitating them
and be given relief through their intercession.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you a sacrifice of praise
in commemoration of your Saints, O Lord,
by which we trust to be delivered
from evils both present and to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 20:28

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

We have received this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord,
as we commemorate your Saints N. and N.;
grant, we pray, that what we celebrate in time
we may attain with eternal joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

B. For One Pastor

1

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 131:9

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice;
your holy ones shall ring out their joy (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

We humbly ask you, almighty God,
that at the intercession of (the Bishop) blessed N.
you may multiply your gifts among us
and order our days in peace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings placed on your altar
in commemoration of blessed N.,
so that as you brought him glory
you may, through these sacred mysteries,
grant to us your pardon.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 24:46-47

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes.
Amen I say to you,
he will put that servant in charge of all his property (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Lk 12:42

Behold a faithful and prudent steward
whom the lord set over his household (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May partaking at the heavenly table, almighty God,
confirm and increase strength from on high
in all who celebrate the feast day of blessed N.,
that we may preserve in integrity the gift of faith
and walk in the path of salvation you trace for us.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me
and sent me to preach the good news to the poor,
to heal the broken-hearted (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Sir 45:20

The Lord chose him as a priest for himself,
to offer him a sacrifice of praise (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,
who set (the Bishop) blessed N. in the Church
to feed your sheep by his words and form them by his example,
grant that, through his intercession,
we may keep the faith he taught by his words
and follow the way he showed by his example.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We humbly implore your majesty, almighty God,
that just as the offerings made in honor of blessed N.
bear witness to the glory of divine power,
so may they impart to us the effects of your salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age,
says the Lord, alleluia (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received, O Lord,
prepare us, we pray, for the eternal joys
that, as a faithful steward, blessed N. came to deserve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

Make us who have been nourished
by this sacred meal, almighty God,
always follow the example of blessed N.
in serving you with constant devotion
and assisting all with untiring charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

IV. For Founders of Churches

A. For One Founder

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 59:21; 56:7

Thus says the Lord: my words, which I have put into your mouth,
will remain for ever on your lips
and your gifts will be accepted on my altar (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
who were pleased to enlighten our forebears
by the preaching of blessed N.,
grant, we pray,
that glorying in the name of Christian,
we may show continually in our deeds
the faith that we profess.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Look, O Lord, upon your family,
which (the Bishop) blessed N.
engendered by the Word of truth
and fed with the Sacrament of life,
that your grace, which has made them faithful
through his ministry,
may through his prayers
make them fervent in charity.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant our supplication, we pray, almighty God,
that with these sacrificial offerings of your people,
which we bring you in commemoration of blessed N.,
you may graciously mingle with the gifts of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mk 10:45

The Son of Man has come to give his life
as a ransom for many (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

1 Cor 3:11

No one can lay a foundation
other than the one that is there,
namely, Jesus Christ (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

We have received, O Lord,
the pledge of eternal redemption,
as we rejoice at the feast day of blessed N.
and we pray that your gift may be a help to us
both for this present life and for the life to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

B. For Several Founders

Entrance Antiphon

These are the holy men
whom the Lord chose in his own sheer love
and gave them everlasting glory;
their teaching is a light for the Church (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O Lord, who through the apostolic ministry of Saints N. and N.
in your kindness gave your Church the beginnings of religion,
grant her, we pray, through their intercession,
constant increase in Christian devotion.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who called our forebears
by the preaching of (the Bishops) blessed N. and N.,
into the wonderful light of the Gospel,
grant that, through their intercession,
we may grow in grace and in the knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
made for the feast day of Saints N. and N.,
and in your kindness render us fully acceptable
by giving us sincerity of heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:15

I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know
what his master is doing.
But I have called you friends,
because I have told you
everything I have heard from my Father (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

1 Pet 2:9

O chosen people,
proclaim the mighty works of him who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the Savior we have welcomed at this altar, O Lord,
gladden us on the feast day of Saints N. and N.,
on which, with longing for your favor,
we honor the precious beginnings of our faith
and proclaim your wonders in your Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

V. For Missionaries

For Missionary Martyrs, pp. 000-000.

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Entrance Antiphon

O chosen people,
proclaim the mighty works of him who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Ps 17:50; 21:23

I will praise you, LORD, among the nations,
and I will tell of your name to my kin (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who through (the Bishop) blessed N.
brought peoples without faith
from darkness to the light of truth,
grant us, through his intercession,
that we may stand firm in faith
and remain constant
in the hope of the Gospel he preached.
Through our Lord.

Or:

Almighty ever-living God,
who have made sacred this day's rejoicing
at the glorification of blessed N.,
graciously grant
that we may strive always to keep
and to put into practice the faith
which with unquenchable zeal
he strove to proclaim.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the sacrificial gifts we offer, almighty God,
on the feast day of blessed N.,
and grant that we who celebrate
the mysteries of the Lord's Passion
may imitate what we now do.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ez 34:15

I will pasture my sheep;

I myself will give them rest, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Mt 10:27

What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light;

what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

By the power of this mystery, O Lord,

confirm your servants in the true faith,

that they may everywhere profess in word and deed

the faith for which blessed N. never ceased to labor

and for which he spent his whole life.

Through Christ our Lord.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet

of him who brings glad tidings of peace,

Bearing good news, announcing salvation (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who gave increase to your Church

through the zeal for religion

and apostolic labors of blessed N.,

grant, through his intercession,

that she may always receive

new growth in faith and in holiness.

Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor on our supplications, O Lord,

and free us from every fault,

so that through the purifying action of your grace

we may be cleansed by the very mysteries

through which we render you service.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel.

I am with you always, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Jn 15:4-5

Remain in me, and I shall remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,
nourish in us that faith
taught by the preaching of the Apostles
and kept safe by the labors of blessed N.
Through Christ our Lord.

3

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 95:3-4

Tell among the nations the glory of the Lord,
and his wonders among all the peoples,
for the LORD is great and highly to be praised (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, by whose untold mercy
blessed N. preached the good news
of the unfathomable riches of Christ,
grant that, through his intercession,
we may grow in knowledge of you
and, bearing fruit in every good work,
faithfully walk in your presence,
in accord with the truth of the Gospel.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the memory of blessed N.,
we pray, O Lord, that you may pour out
your blessing from heaven
on these offerings we have made to you,
so that in partaking of them
we may be without fault
and be replenished with heavenly food.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 10:1, 9

The Lord sent out disciples
to proclaim throughout the towns:
The kingdom of God is at hand for you (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Mt 13:8, 23

This is the seed that fell on rich soil:
those who with a good and perfect heart
patiently bring forth fruit (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

May your holy gifts which we have received
fill us with life, O Lord,
so that we who rejoice in commemorating blessed N.
may also profit from his example of apostolic virtue.
Through Christ our Lord.